

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action August 3, 2007. In the Office Action, all pending claims 1-21 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1 and 9-12 have been amended and the remaining claims are unchanged in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bertness et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,104,167 in view of Tran, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0008202, and further in view of Tseng, U.S. Patent No. 5,563,491.

With this Amendment, claims 1 and 12 are amended only for the purpose of more particularly pointing out that the claimed battery charging and notification system operates independently of any device in which the battery may be used. Support for the claim amendments can be found in FIG. 1, for example, that shows a battery charging and notification system 100 connected to a battery 102 independently of any device in which battery 102 may be used. Claims 9-11 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

As acknowledged in the Office Action, Bertness teaches a battery charger, which is a single device with no accompanying external device. Further, Tran teaches a single communication device 10, which reports on the capacity of its own battery 48 and not a separate battery.

Additionally, Tseng's device is a combined parking meter and an electric-vehicle battery charger, which directly connects to, and therefore depends on, a vehicle in which the battery is used. In contrast, claim 1 requires "the battery charging and notification system" to operate "independently of any device in which the battery may be used."

In summary, none of the cited references (Bertness, Tran and Tseng) taken individually, or in combination, show or suggest the elements of claim 1 and therefore claim 1 is non-obvious over the references.

Independent claim 12 has elements similar to that of independent claim 1. Thus, for the same reasons as independent claim 1, Applicants submit that independent claim 12 is allowable as well. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the dependent claims are also

allowable by virtue of their dependency, either directly or indirectly, from the allowable independent claims. Further, the dependent claims when read in combination with the independent claims, set forth configurations not shown or suggested in the references.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1-21 are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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